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SUBJ: REACTION TO LIBYAN COUP

1. KUWAITI PRESS AND PUBLIC STILL GUESSING AS TO PERSONALITIES AND EXACT NATURE IDEOLOGIES OF THOSE BEHIND LIBYAN COUP. BOTH PRESS AND RADIO REPORTED EXTENSIVELY ON COUP FROM OUTSET. EMPHASIS PLACED SEPT. 3 ON APPARENT LACK OF RESISTANCE INSIDE LIBYA, ON UNDISTURBED OIL OPERATIONS, AND ON REPORTS COUP LEADERS HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL HONOR INTERNATIONAL AND OIL CONCESSION AGREEMENTS.

2. NO OFFICIAL REACTION YET. FOREIGN MINISTER BRUSHED OFF PRESS QUESTION SEPT. 2 SAYING HE HAD NO COMMENT SINCE IT WAS INTERNAL LIBYAN AFFAIR. I HOPE OBTAIN GIST OF GOK THINKING DURING SEPT. 6 CALL ON FONMIN UNDERSECRETARY.
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